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Statement

The sustainable development goals are based on the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals. At the same time, these goals are set out to address persistent issues and new challenges not covered by the previous Millennium Development Goals, which faced strong criticism for not sufficiently covering sustainability dimensions. Unlike the Millennium Development Goals, the sustainable development goals present a more ambitious scope, built upon a remarkable consultation process that identified the needs and interests of the international community.

In Jalisco, the regional consultation led by the Mexican Government and the United Nations system 'Realizing the future we want for all in Latin America and the Caribbean: Towards a post-2015 development agenda' in 2013, set an important precedent for non-state actors, as it had the participation of over 400 Civil Society Organizations and other regional and local stakeholders in the definition of new global sustainable development policies.

The MY World Survey has been able to collect the priorities and needs of over 1 million citizen voices in Mexico, highly interested in a set of ambitious, real, transparent and achievable sustainable development goals. Mexico has been the most participative country in the survey, advocating that the new goals truly reflect the interest of the overall population.

The sustainable development goals present an opportunity for the international community to fully engage in the construction of a better world, as well as its need to focus on new partnerships, effective and efficient institutions, adequate transfer of resources, capacity-building, access to information and a strong reporting and monitoring system for accountability.

An emphasis should be placed into translating sustainable development agenda into national and local development plans, partnerships, reforms and socialization in order to harmonize local and national development activities with global efforts.

We believe that the active role of local governments, along with Civil Society Organizations, is crucial to the achievement of the sustainable development goals, especially through decentralized development cooperation and territorial approaches that ensure ownership, bottom-up actions, effectiveness and accountability processes.

We acknowledge effective institutions are critical to sustainable development policy implementation. Institutional reforms alone cannot drive a transformative development agenda without other essential inputs such as material and financial resources, leadership, human capital, political accountability, as well as the participation of non-state actors that recognize the concerns of communities and respond through coherent interventions. This requires ensuring a wider representation in decision-making processes for Civil Society Organizations at the global, regional and national levels.

We reaffirm our commitment to work hand in hand with the United Nations for a sustainable world. Furthermore, we call on High-level segment to facilitate the conditions and support States to achieve an open, transparent, accountable and functional sustainable development goals.